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SUBJ: DANISH PARTICIPANTS IN WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE

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SUMMARY. CURRENT PARLIAMENTARY SITUATION MAKES IT  
DIFFICULT FOR DANISH CABINET TO DEVOTE ADEQUATE ATTENTION  
TO PREPARATIONS FOR WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE. FOREIGN  
MINISTER GULDBERG HAS SHOWN TENDENCY TO FOLLOW FRENCH  
LINE ON SOME ISSUES BUT MFA SOURCES INSIST THIS IS MORE  
QUESTION OF PRESENTATION THAN SUBSTANCE. GULDBERG HAS  
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BEEN STRONG CHAMPION OF EUROPEAN UNITY CONCEPT FOR MANY

YEARS, SOURCES STATE, BUT WILL NOT WILLINGLY SUPPORT FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S NEGATIVE ATTITUDE ON ENERGY CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

1. I WILL BE PAYING CALLS FRIDAY FEBRUARY 8 ON PRIME MINISTER POUL HARTLING AND FOREIGN MINISTER OVE GULDBERG AND WILL TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO STRESS IMPORTANCE OF WHOLEHEARTED COOPERATION AMONG OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES IN RESOLVING THE ENERGY CRISIS. ON BASIS OF MY PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE WITH HARTLING I AM CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL SYMPATHIZE WITH US OBJECTIVES, BUT HE IS CURRENTLY SO PREOCCUPIED WITH PRECARIOUS SITUATION OF HIS MINORITY GOVERNMENT THAT HE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE STRONG LEAD ON THIS QUESTION.

2. DENMARK'S CHIEF DELEGATE TO ENERGY CONFERENCE WILL BE GULDBERG, WHO IS STILL SOMETHING OF UNKNOWN QUANTITY. HE IS RATHER INEXPERIENCED IN GOVERNMENTAL SIDE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ALTHOUGH HE HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY, ESPECIALLY WITHIN EUROPE, AND IS AN EXCELLENT LINGUIST. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL, AND IS REPORTEDLY EQUALLY AT HOME IN FRENCH AND GERMAN. GULDBERG IS ALSO UNUSUAL IN THAT HE HAS UNIVERSITY DEGREES IN BOTH CIVIL ENGINEERING AND LAW. ALTHOUGH HE HAS A REPUTATION FOR INTELLECTUAL ARROGANCE, HE HAS APPEARED SOMEWHAT DIFFIDENT IN HIS FEW MEETINGS WITH COPENHAGEN DIPLOMATIC CORPS SINCE HIS APPOINTMENT SIX WEEKS AGO AS FOREIGN MINISTER. GULDBERG MADE AN EXCELLENT INITIAL IMPRESSION ON SOME OF HIS IMMEDIATE SUBORDINATES WHEN HE TOOK OFFICE, BECAUSE HE SHOWED A MORE SOPHISTICATED GRASP OF PROBLEMS THAN HIS PREDECESSOR, K.B. ANDERSEN, HAD DEMONSTRATED ON ASSUMING OFFICE. HOWEVER, ECONOMIC SIDE OF MFA IS NOW SHOWING SIGNS OF DISILLUSIONMENT, PARTLY BECAUSE HE TOO HAS BEEN SO TIED UP WITH PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEMS THAT HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO FOCUS ON NUTS AND BOLTS ASPECTS OF EC MEMBERSHIP.

3. GULDBERG IS REPUTEDLY STRONGLY FRANCOPHILE AND HIS REPORTED COMMENTS AT EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING THIS WEEK ILLUSTRATED THIS PREFERENCE. ACCORDING TO PRESS, HE  
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ASKED EC TO DEMONSTRATE ITS INDEPENDENCE AND UNITY AT WASHINGTON CONFERENCE, AND CALLED FOR MEETING OF ALL COUNTRIES INVOLVED, INCLUDING PRODUCERS AND LDCS BY APRIL 1. SOME MFA SOURCES TELL US IT WOULD BE MISTAKE TO REGARD THIS KIND OF ORATORY AS INDICATING DANES ARE FALLING UNDER FRENCH SWAY. RATHER, THEY SAY, GULDBERG IS MERELY GIVING VENT TO HIS STRONG PRO-EUROPEAN SENTIMENTS, WHICH ARE NOT REALLY SHARED BY FRENCH

GOVERNMENT.

4. DANISH PRESS HAS TAKEN TO REFERRING JOKINGLY TO GULDBERG AS "LITTLE JOBERT" AND HE DOES BEAR SOME PHYSICAL RESEMBLANCE TO THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER. PRESS HAS ALSO RELATED SUPPOSED COMMENT BY FRG'S SCHEEL THAT DENMARK AGREES WITH FRANCE EVEN IF FRANCE CHANGES ITS VIEWPOINT. GULDBERG REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT DENMARK DID AGREE WITH FRANCE ON MANY QUESTIONS, BUT THERE WAS A LIMIT AFTER ALL.

5. BIOGRAPHIC DETAILS ON OTHER MEMBERS OF DANISH DELEGATION BY SEPTTEL.  
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